



September 2023 Newsletter

HARBOR Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION

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HUUC Mission Statement:

Harbor Unitarian Universalist Congregation is a safe haven inspiring people to seek their own spiritual truths through worship and learning in community as we build a better world together.

HUUC Vision Statement:

The people of Harbor Unitarian Universalist Congregation envision a community where connections are strengthened and deepened, where families are supported, and where diversity is celebrated.

Sue McIntire, *Music Director*

HUUC Board of Trustees

Poppy Sias Hernandez, *President*
Robin Dennany, *Vice President*
Kurt Troutman, *Treasurer*
Jones Barton, *Secretary*

Members at Large:

Carolyn Holmes • Rebecca St. Clair • Kal Fox

Sunday Worship Services

*Virtual!
or In Person!*

**Begin at
10:30am**

September 3rd

"This is a Union Town, Fellow Workers!"

Anna Lorena EldenBrady

Join Anna for this celebration of organized labor and Muskegon's place in its history. The movement today is stronger than it has been in decades and workers are organizing in droves, regardless of industry. So let's get energized to support the strikes, work disruptions, and worker uprisings across the country as workers learn of their power when united!

September 10th

"Coming Home Again: Water Communion 2023"

Rev. Matthew Cockrum

Soaked or parched, rigid, fluid or vaporous, bring the waters of your life to the common vessel of this religious community. Imagine what we can do together. Rev. Matthew Cockrum returns to the pulpit with an invitation to join in this annual ritual which draws from the springs of the Women and Religion Continental Convocation of Unitarian Universalists in 1980 in East Lansing. All are invited to bring actual water to be mingled, blessed and redistributed. It is good to be together.

September 17th

"God's Gonna Trouble the Waters..."

Baba Teddy (Ted Jauw)

How do you describe a feeling or emotion with words? We used to wade out to wet our toes, cross the river, or even baptize ourselves. But what if we are wading into an ocean now? What if these trends portend a wave? A series of waves? I would like to talk about the lessons of surfing. About the coming waves and how wading in the face of the coming waves is all of our futures.

September 24th

"Are 2 U's better than 1?"

Kurt Troutman

This message will reintroduce the 1961 merger between the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America. We will review the primary concepts of Unitarian and Universalism, assessing how current day UU's live our faith. We will reaffirm who we are and evaluate if we as UU's are *"better together."*

October 1st

Board Member Robin Dennany

Zoom With Us at <https://zoom.us/j/91447658076>

Next HUUC Board Meeting: Monday, September 18 • 6:30 pm

All are welcome!

in person or via zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96744707168>

News from C A R I N G COMMITTEE...

The caring team has become a strong and vital part of our UU experience. We acknowledge the vital and valuable part we play in this sacred space and to that end, we hope that you will turn to us for any issue that is a concern in your life. We are here to help you carry those difficulties that make knots in our lives. We offer a hand, a shoulder or an ear for those times. Please reach out - we are here.

Condolences to **Blake Daugherty** on the loss of his father.

Several people attended all of HUUC services in AUGUST (either in person or on Zoom). Out of those with perfect attendance we drew a name to win a prize.

Congratulations to *Kwame James!*

We appreciate you continuing to show up at HUUC!

We have five members:

Sue McIntire, Christine Cleary, Chad Axe, Nancy Johnson, and Ange Barnes.

(If you would like to be involved in any way, please let one of us know.)

Contact: Sue McIntire (231) 563-3988

Cozy Craft Circle

meets every-other Monday 6:30-8:30pm in the social hall. Bring a work-in-progress, something new, or just a notebook to brainstorm and collect inspiration. You are encouraged to bring a beverage of choice and snacks to share. This is a welcoming space to stretch your creativity and socialize. We'll use the side door, but if you need the front door available for accessibility, message Robin at 2482291601. Join our FB group, via the HUUC News and Events page - Cozy Craft Corner. Happy Crafting!

YOGA ALL WELCOME!



Thursdays 5:30-6:30
1296 Montgomery • 49441

Please submit information for the **October Newsletter** by Monday, September 25th to Jessica at gingermajick@hotmail.com • text or call 231.206.4947

New Member Information Sessions

will be held at HUUC on Sunday September 17 and 24 from Noon to 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a member of Harbor UU please plan to attend both sessions. We will meet in the lower level of the building. Participants will be receiving information about the rights and obligations of membership at Harbor UU and Unitarian Universalism in general. If you just want to check us out, that's ok! Feel free to join us.

Contact Carolyn Holme:
holmesland58@gmail.com
or text 231-327-0375

with questions and to reserve your space.



Prayer Walk to End Gun Violence

HUUC was proud to have such a large group at the Prayer Walk to End Gun Violence organized by the Council of Churches. There was a good turnout representing around 10 other churches and ministers. We walked to the downtown churches and the minister of each led a prayer. Orange ribbons were tied to the doors of each.



A note from John Dietrick:

My sister, Becky, has climbed a lot of difficult hills in her lifetime. Starting with a dysfunctional family life and an abusive father, she went downhill from there. **She survived.** And now she is devoting her life to help other women who are trying to climb out of their own valleys and reach for those hilltops where they can see a new life in front of them.

In these last years Becky has founded an organization called **Papa's House** to give troubled women a place to live during their transition to healing and self-sufficiency. During this time, women are mentored, counseled and supported while they heal and get their lives in order. She now has one home and plans for number two, and a thriving community dependent only on contributions. It is faith based and a registered 501(c)3 entity.

Six years ago my sister took time out of this heart-felt journey that she is on to help me through a life-changing trauma. **Now it's my turn for payoff.**

I'm attempting a 104 mile hike (with a support team because after all I AM 76 years old) to gather contributions for Papa's House and for my sister's cause.

If you are moved to contribute either monetarily or by being a part of this adventure with me, I thank you and welcome you gratefully. **Donations can be made on this website:**

papahouseus.com

And if you'd like to join me and Ange up on the North Country Trail on the shores of Lake Superior beginning October 2, just contact me at

johndtrck861@gmail.com / 989-304-1795
or angebarnes70@gmail.com

Chalice Circles



Chalice circles are small groups of 8-10 people that gather once or twice a month to discuss topics of spirituality and life. In sharing their stories, deep friendships are formed and community is cemented. From personal experience I know that this expression of small group ministry is fun, rewarding and helpful for both personal growth and community relationships. Do you think it might find a home at Harbor UU? If you think you would like to be part of a group or be a group leader, or if you have any questions feel free to reach out to me at angebarnes70@gmail.com or 303-717-6366.

September 10th Bring Your Water!

Remember to gather
A SAMPLE OF WATER
for our Annual Fall
Ingathering Service



While we are enjoying the Summer weather and perhaps traveling or staying in our own back yards, remember to save a sample of water to represent your experiences and bring it to our "Water Ceremony" on September 10. We will observe our uniquely UU tradition of blending waters from our lives as we regroup after our busy summer activities and begin a new "church year."

Choir is resuming on Wednesdays

**Regular rehearsals at the church
from 6-7:30pm.**

**Please contact Sue McIntire
if you are interesting in joining a
great group of people...
spread joy!**

ALL Cast Rehearsal



Sunday, September 10 at 6:30pm

at HUUC at 1296 Montgomery Ave,
Muskegon, MI 49441

This is an important meeting and we can
also get your costume together that night.

While we're at this meeting, we hope to
schedule another rehearsal.

CITY of the DEAD MUSKEGON

In-Person Historical Walking Tours
Begin every 15 minutes

Saturday, October 14th 5-8pm
Sunday, October 15th 2-4pm

Tickets \$5
Kids under 12 Free

- Wear Walking shoes
- Dress for the weather
- "After Dark" tours: bring a flashlight
- Tours last approximately 1 hour



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2023 SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 4:30p 4H Mtg	2
3 10:30a Worship	4 6:30p Craft Corner	5	6 6:00p Choir	7 5:30p Yoga	8	9
10 10:30a Worship 6:30 COTD Cast Rehearsal	11	12	13 6:00p Choir	14 5:30p Yoga	15 3:30p Supper House 4:30p 4H Mtg	16
17 10:30a Worship 12pm New Member Info	18 6:30p Board Mtg	19	20 6:00 Choir	21 5:30p Yoga	22	23
24 10:30a Worship 12pm New Member Info	25 7:00p Newsletter Deadline	26	27 6:00 Choir	28 5:30p Yoga	29	30